Restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai airports

704. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 29 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th July, 2004 and state the details of the overseas and Indian companies that have evinced interest in the restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): The last date of receipt of Expressions of Interest is 20th July, 2004. So far, no EOI (Expressions of Interest) has been received.

Loss incurring airports

†705. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of airports in the country are incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to meet the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) :(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year 2003-04,115 airports of Airports Authority of India, including 38 non-operational airports had incurred a total loss of Rs. 274.92 crores.

(c) Airports Authority of India is *inter-alia* taking steps to increase the non-aeronautical revenue and also reduction of the controllable expenditure at these airports.

Aviation agreements with South-East Asian countries

706. SHRIABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bilateral aggreements signed between India and South-East Asian countries including Singapore and Thailand in the field of aviation;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.